

Palm Sunday-1952

My dear Father Aloysius:

I am ashamed to write to you after such a long silence. I appreciate the Christmas and Easter cards you send Father. That is an assurance that you are still thinking of me, and perhaps remembering to say a prayer for me now and then, and I certainly need them, now more than ever. Things are not too pleasant in the home since we moved. I like this house as well as any I could find in the city of Baltimore, but my poor aunt simply will not submit to the will of God, and her unhappy and constant complaints have a bad reaction on my nervous system. We have been here since last May and the house has never been blessed, so please say a prayer that she will settle down and make up her mind to stay here. That is one of the reasons I have not been able to keep up with my Catholic Action correspondence, because after a day at the office the energy which is left is used up in nervous tension. My one prayer is that we will stay here, where it is so close to the church and my work.

My relic collection is growing and since writing to you last I have added your St. Aloysius. I also have my favorite, St. Alphonsus and my favorite of favorites, St. or rather Blessed Pope Pius X. This latter relic is hard to get and a priest told me that when they were taking flesh from Bl. Pius, fresh blood flowed. I also have St. Thomas Aquinas, and am putting him to work as I enrolled this year for a course in Italian and am asking his help. I like the language because it is so beautiful and I have many Italian friends and would like to converse with them in their native tongue, but most of all I want to learn enough of the language so I may read the sermons of Father Lombardi which are not published in English. About two years ago when Fr. Dominic, R.I.P., visited Bruno of Tre Fontane and asked him what Blessed Mother spoke to him about in visions (after the Tre Fontane appearance), Bruno said that he was under obedience not to discuss these conversations, but added "if you really want to know what Bl. Virgin said, then go and listen to Fr. Lombardi". I understand Fr. L. was in Calif. I hope you had the pleasure of hearing him.

I just finished reading life of St. Benedict Joseph Labre, by Agnes dela Gorsi...it is wonderful. One of my friends, Fr. Jerome CSB, liked it so well that he wrote to Rome for a relic. He is now writing a review on the book to be published in the American Benedictine Academy Review-a quarterly.

The last time I saw Fr. Parente he told me he had just finished the life of Padre Pio (English) and Crail will publish it, probably at end of summer. None of us liked the book of Fr. Carthy on Padre Pio, because it is full of inaccuracies.

Have you read MAY OF DIVINE LOVE by Sr. Josefa. I should say by Our Lord, ~~dictated~~ dictated to Sr. Josefa. It is wonderful. Some of the important passages have been compiled into little booklets and if you like I could send them to you. I love to read, but aside from

S.S. my favorite books will always be MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD--Mary d'Agreda. To me, they seem to bring heaven right down to earth. I never tire of them, and my only regret is that I am not a millionaire, because I would like to give a set to every person I meet.

I hope you are well Father. Please say a prayer for me and send me your blessing. I will remember you in my prayers and send you my best wishes for a Joyous Easter.

Sincerely in Christ

Betty

new address

1223 S. Charles St. Baltimore 30, Md.



To my good friend.
Don't forget me in your prayers.
Eugenia Lewis

In Memory of
Our Van

January 3rd 1952

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Clarissa Father

1119 Westchester PL

Los Angeles 8 California

Dear Father

Enclosed you will please find
and offering of \$100 for what you were so
kind to send me and thanks a lot for it
all such beautiful novena book and
the Holy picture.

I got your letter and the Holy pictures
in the mail Sunday we live away from
the post office we don't come time by at
the mail all week. the book of the life
of St. Anthony Claret came yesterday
Monday I gave the Holy picture of the
prayer for the cure of cancer away the next day
I gave the one to the family of the young
Mother who has two small what had a
tumor in her head I think I wrote you

the young mother didn't know to give up to it or
not waste her today her husband is over in Korea
in service she would like to see him first they sent

for him maybe he would soon come

her mother ^{& aunt} said yesterday when she looked
at the Holy picture and the prayer maybe this
will do ^{as} they had been praying so much
it was so close maybe would be time to
make the rosary if she had it taken off but
just as her life would be spared but I feel
if its God's will she could should keep her
leg its not to late

Father I hope you will accept the offering for
it all you sent and would you please
send me another Holy picture of St Anthony
Claret with prayer for the cure of Cancer
and two novena books I want to give them
two sick mothers ^{one} I know they will be
pleased to have them like I was with the

about her the other time her dead got better I
was told yesterday she could come home but
now she had in her side every thing she took
medicine didn't help as she was to go
through thro an operation Doctor thought
they could help her relieve her suffering so
I never heard how & she came of it as it
reminded me of my mother some she died
from a cancer of the bowels as I gave them
the ^{Holy} Card you sent me of St Anthony Claret
with the prayer for the cure of cancer in
case it should be something like that when
she was operated on
I gave the other ^{one} to another lady a friend who
has a daughter who is also a very young of 6 months
old baby who has bone cancer of the leg
The Doctor wanted to take her leg off up to the
hip thought that way if it had to spread
through her blood could save her life but

one you sent me I begin a novena
for them right away.

The lady the young mother who had
the tumor in her head has been reading
the book of the Life of St. Anthony I know
she will like the novena book I enjoy
it.

Well Father my wish was granted
when I heard of this young mother who had
the bone cancer I just wished I had a
Holy picture I could give her but I had give
the one away I had I heard the news the same
day after I had mailed the letter I am isn't hear
real good I didn't understand who it was till
2 day after my wish was granted God and
St. Anthony our Blessed mother must arranged
this all because the weather was bad and
the roads were bad on account the ice we had
the Father of this one with cancer has a shop

does repair work & our washing machine needed
repair so I got these Holy pictures one day and
the next it was good as we could go so
my wish was full filled. Good God has
given me so much I'm not worthy of it
I can never thank him enough and
our Blessed mother and the most holy Trinity
so Thank you good Father for it all
may God bless you all

your very sincerely

Miss Marie Anna

Glenmon Mo.

J.M.S.T.

Jan. 26, 1952

Dear Father Aloupin

God bless you. How have you been.
I am writing these few lines to tell you
that dear little Jesus had chosen me as
His Bride. I was chosen by the Chapter
on the feast of the Little Flower of refuge.
My name will be Bernadette Maria
Suzet del Corazon Immaculado. I am
named for a humble Mother Maria Suzet,
who died for and for you. And I am
of our Lady's Immaculate Heart. Saint
Aloupin Dijon will be my patron.
I love him he was very pure and loved
God much. I am of every heart. That
means I must be every humble and
very submissive to her and Jesus,
and not care for anything in the world, only
desiring to stay at my Mother's Heart and
drink her pure milk of graces. God
give me the grace to be very pious and little.

Will you pray much for me and my
loved ones, that we may all be very pure
and holy.

I want to be a little negligee that gives
much pleasure to Baby ~~now~~ because He
can do what He wants with it.

My wedding will be on March 23,
Saturday Sunday at 4:00. And a bride of
Carmel can be seen for three days after.

I would love to have my priest brother
visit me and talk to me about our Mother.
But if God wills. At all ways, please
don't forget to pray for your little sister.
I will pray for you. I can read Spanish
better now and speak it better too. I love
the Divine Office and I have already
lessons of the first and second Nocturne
and have been Versesalia and Salmissario.
(I don't spell better yet though)

Sod bless my priest brother and give
him the silence and charity of heart but not
of the world, that he may help many poor
people.

For Mary's Heart
Sister Elen.

(P.S. Please say they dont come down to
me or my darling S. and I will
pray for my priest brother)

On this day

1423 N. Clement St.
Joliet, Ill.

Jan. 26, 1952

Dear Fr. Aloysius,

We received your nice letter yesterday and it was heavenly to hear from you again.

I thank you very much for remembering us in your prayers. Since Mom died you have been in ours. I still have her letters that you & Betty Kelly wrote her. There are all too nice & inspiring to throw away. You see Father, I've learned much about Mom thru those letters, especially of your writings after my Brother Bob's death. Although I didn't hear too much about you before she died, I knew she held your letters with the highest regard. Just one month before she died, she handed me a small package

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to hold for her just in case she had to go to the hospital for blood transfusions. After her death I found your letters & first learned of the pictures she donated overseas. Thru

Betty's letters, which I read (most of them Mom let me read before she died) I guess she got to write to you. She was very lucky to know such nice and religious people.

Father, I'm not going any further with this letter, because I know I shouldn't be taking up your precious time like this. I only want to say again, thank you, from all of us for remembering us in your prayers. We'll be always remembering you in ours too.

May God bless you, His dearest Mother love you, and our so too forgotten St. Joseph protect & guide,

you always:
Ever,

To Jesus
Through Mary.

Mrs. John Stoneck

J. M. J.

H.F.A.

Beaverville,

Illinois

Jan. 29, 1952

My dear Spiritual Father:

Thinking of my promises to God some ten years ago sent my thoughts wandering your way. So I decided I'd write a few lines this morning especially that for the first time in weeks I'll be alone in the office.

Each year as we near February 2nd, I strive to re-kindle my fervor and renew my vow of greater perfection. Since it was made forever there is no going back on my promise now. But were this inspiration coming to me just now for the first time, I would not dare be so presumptuous. I am so very, very far, from giving God all that, that entails. But there is nothing to do, but strive to live up to it. May God in His great love make up for my weakness and infidelities.

In 1955 I will celebrate my silver jubilee three, years from this summer. So as preparation for it, I am going to strive to practice the different virtues of our father's spiritual Testament. Faith - sacrifice - union - and the last year - God alone! This year my energies are being exerted in the exercise of faith.

Seeing Him in all things - believing in Him, relying on Him alone. I long ago ceased to rely on creatures. Man is subject to so many deceptions, the enemy a crafty fellow. Even the presumably holy are full of weaknesses and cannot be trusted wholly. Well could the Psalmist say: "Who is man that Thou art mindful of him?" And yet He is a tender loving Spouse who died that we might live.

For Christmas I received the book "Living the Mass" by Desplanques, S. J. It is excellent and has helped much to spur on my flagging spirits. It is hard to live - no, I am not dejected in spirits - apparently they ebb high most the time, in reality, no. There is one thing here that proves most helpful to me - Nature with all its beauties. It is a real tonic to go out into the open and breathe the clean fresh air, behold the Bob-tails that run about in the snow, the squirrels that peek out at you and then scurry off as if you were the devil himself. There are birds of many species and I just love to watch them. Even the lovely fleecy clouds that move about in the sky have a thought to whisper of God and His love. We have a very nice garden, with lilies and roses and bushes - I had it made for the sisters since I came here. We had no place to recreate outside with all the grounds here. In the corner of it is a statue of Our Lady. I made a bargain with her she'd have a prominent place in it, if my plans went through. They did, and she was the first one in it.

We fixed up the old boys' hall for a gym, that was St. Joseph's task, he isn't finished yet but he has done a good job so far. He helps me magnificently in everything I do.

Do you think you will ever be up this way again? I'd sure love to see you, it seems there are so many things you'd understand that others do not. But then that is precisely where faith comes in, Seeing Him, when we cannot see humanly speaking. Then too, faith is so much more sure. The more I go, the less I want anything that is not purely God. I have suffered many things I cannot write about. God really has me in the dust, I must look to Him with complete trust in my helplessness. It seems to me I could talk my soul out if you were near,

but you are not, so I will content myself with what has already been written, and thank Him forthe opportunity to do that.

In your great fervor please continue to remember my needy soul. Your Paternal kindness will never be forgotten. May you be blessed in your wonderful work for God, and may He sustain you in all your trials.

Prayerfully,

Your spiritual daughter,

*A. Many of the
Precious Blood*

Thursday Jan. 31. 1952

Rev. dear Father Aloysius,

I beg your pardon for not having the report you asked for ready sooner, and hope it meets with your aproval .

Have you wondered why I havent written you lately ? I am not sure myself, but one reason has been many times that I felt you were too bussy or your superiors would object to what I wrote.

Ofcourse many times I feel that I should speak with you about certain spiritual problems , like for instance I have a very hard time to make up my mind to go to confession . Sometimes I wait 3-4 weeks before I go,although I have the opportunity to go during mass almost every morning. Here I always find the excuse that I should devote my wholeself to Holy Mass and the preparation for Holy Communion. But right now I fnd it so hard to know what to confess. I have told you my very sad problem in my mariage,because my husband is not willing to act according to the Will of God . This is becoming a greater suffering for me every day,because more^{and}more I realize how much Our dear Lord is offended, and I am the tool that is used to do it . Can you see how terrible that is for me? And when I act passive like I have been told in confession to act, my husband tells me, I am a good housekeeper but not a good wife. So this is naturally my biggest intention ,outside the Guild's for the Masses, because Our Lord must stop to be so grievously offended in my home.I love Him so much and want to please Hm in all things, and I can't even keep my own family from hurting Him . I have offered all my suffering in the last two months in reparation for these sins and to save the soul of my husband. He continually interprets the laws of the church and God to suit his own needs,and thinks he is excused because he has had 6 children.I told him that I would rather die than to offend our Lord in this way. He respects me a little for this and treats me much better, but he can not understand why I can't see it his way. Please help me Father !!

Now I will tell you how very good Our dearest Lord has been to me , also our dear Blessed Mother. Even though I do not deserve it they are teaching me in the most wonderful way and consoling me also. Holy Mass and Holy Communion are such a wonderful consolation for me, so that I am willing to promise them anything as long as they give me the strength. I only have to think of Holy Mass going on somewhere in the world and I find myself lifted in the most wonderful way, that makes me feel that I am really taking part in it. In this way ofcourse I often make a spiritual Holy Communion, which is always such a source of consolation and strength for me . I understand more and more to offer my dispositions with those of Our dear Lod during Holy Mass like you have taught us .

I thought as my director you would like to know what is happening to me spiritually ?

Could I burden you-with a little with my childrens problems ? Thank you .Johnnie who is graduating from Highschool in June is having a real struggle with himself because he has to decide what he will do in the future. Sometimes he feels the urge to become a priest, and he has really been earnestly praying for the grace.Yet he also realizes how much he would have to change his way of living. I think

he is considering the Carmelites if the priesthood at all. Could it be that my prayers for vocations in my family could be shifted to Johnnie, who has caused me the most worry in the last two years. At least he is generous and humble and very childlike in his relationship to God. He is trying to practice what you told us during the last meeting; that we should never look back and say; God can not love me, because of what I have done in the past. It seemed to help him a lot when I told him that he could make a fresh start every hour, or as often as he wanted to. May I please ask you to pray for him. Our Lord saw fit the last week to put him in bed sick.--

Aloysius is still unsettled in his third year at Loyola. He told me the other day , that it bothers him more and more to see sin in Motion pictures , television, and at work. That is a good sign , isn't it ?

Cecilia considers herself engaged to a young man who is in Korea. At the present time he is taking instructions to become a catholic. He wants to marry her when he gets back this fall or winter, but she is willing to wait a little longer,because he will have to stay in the service another $2\frac{1}{2}$ years,although he will be stationed in the U.S. I have asked the Blessed Mother to lead both young people according to the will of her Devine Son. Yet this is ofcourse another one of my mass intentions, please.--

The two youngest children are good, but very lively. Maria is a good and morally strong child; the nuns in C.G.H. like her very much. Perhaps we will have a vocation in her. Yet she is only $15\frac{1}{2}$. There is plenty of time.

Thank you so very much, dear Father for letting me tell you all of this. This makes it seem like old times.-

May Our dear Lord and His Most beloved Mother bless you in a special way for being so kind to us.This is my constant prayer at Mass and Holy Communion.

Most Kind regards in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Your devoted spir. daughter
Maria.

P.S. Please excuse the
type written letter. It goes so
much faster.

Thank you for your prayers
they helped already. I feel stronger
and Johnnie is without a
temperature

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721 Parker Avenue
San Francisco 18, California*

Febrero 5, 1952

Rev. P. Aloysius
Los Angeles, Calif.

Muy amado Padre en Cristo:

Le saludo a nombre de toda la Comunidad y muy particularmente a nombre de la M. Trinidad quien me pide le envie un saludo muy afectuoso.

El fin de la presente despues de saludarlo es participarle que como le dice la Hta. Celia, recibira el Santo Habit o el dia 23 de Marzo con el nombre de Maria Luisa del Corazon Inmaculado. Llevará el nombre de Luisa por V.R. y tambien por nuestra amada Madre Ma. Luisa que murió hace 9 años como una santa, y como vera vamos a consagrar nuestra novicia al Corazon Inmaculado de Maria, espero que a V.R. le de mucho gusto este nombre. Celia está encantada, y nosotras con ella más, es una almita preciosa toda de nuestra Madre Santísima esperamos Ella la haga muy santa.

Cómo nos gustaría V.R. pudiera venir para la toma de habit o! Pero creo cosa dificil, sin embargo para N.S. no hay imposibles y pudiera dar a nuestra postulantita el inmenso gusto de volver a ver a V.R. y recibir sus paternales consejos en tan gran dia.

La M. Trinidad se encuentra enferma pero no en cama, se mantiene muy delicada de salud siempre, le pido una oracion por ella.

Reciba de toda nuestra Comunidad un saludo lleno de oraciones y le suplico nos encomiende a N.S. y de nuestra parte cuente con que no lo olvidamos y esperamos que algun dia nos mande otra vocación como la que nos mando en Celia.

Pido su bendicion y quedo de V.R.

Afma. y s.s en Cristo,

Maria de los Angeles. L.D.

J.M.J.

Feb. 14th 1952

Rev. Aloysius Blacuria C.M.F.



Rev. Dear Father

I thought I must get this off to You before the holy season of Lent set in that will be on us soon. I meant to have this off sooner. I have been ill, lost all ambition in everything even found it hard to say my prayers at times believe it or not! I'm feeling better today so may be I'll get back my lost strength.
I made the Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary through Saint Anthony Charet, finished it on the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, to find a suitable place for Your novitiate away from city streets. I hope You have succeeded so please let me know where You will be located and me Your Address. Do try to find a place away from the source of floods, and other inconveniences if at all possible, this past winter was most severe all over the Country, I believe is trying to bring the people back, by suffering we had an epidemic of Intestinal flu, only number of the Sisters were ill, tho no deaths, from it Thank God.

I hope You and all Your charges escaped, hope You are well,
~~and~~ Find Stipends for the following intentions.
One for Elizabeth Tolka, and Son John Deceased
One In Honor of the Sacred Heart to hasten the Beatification
of Father Mayer S.J. in Thanksgiving for Favour received
One For all fall away Breaths, and religions, and all suffering
in Europe & China,
One - In honor of the Sacred Heart to hasten the
Beatification of Sister Josefa Menendez
for a Special intention.
wherever it is convenient for You, if You
do not have Imm. Heart Scapulars, do let me
know where I may get them.
One For Father English, deceased, and my Father's mother
I will keep You in my prayers during the Holy
Season of Lent, please excuse my shaking hand
God and mary love and bless You always
Your Sister in Holy Cross
Sister in mildrida.



COURT HOLLYWOOD—Mrs. Anna Kleekamp, right, and Mrs. Irene Hanson of the Court Hollywood, CDA, discuss plans with Sister M. Thecla, president of Immaculate Heart College, who will be principal speaker at Court's March 2nd program beginning at 2 p.m. in college social hall.

Socially Speaking

By THE WOMAN'S EDITOR

Building Fund Benefit

St. Joseph Hospital (Burbank) building fund will benefit from the luncheon and card party being arranged by St. Cyril's Altar Society (Encino) for next Tuesday noon at Sherman Oaks Women's Clubhouse, 15248 Dickens St. Mmes. D. S. Mitchelson and Toni Carson are in charge of the party, with Mrs. Edward James as presiding hostess . . . Florence B. Gravelle, nutritionist of the Los Angeles City Health Dept., will discuss the breakfast survey recently conducted in the schools at the buffet luncheon being given by St. Joan of Arc Parish Council Thursday, Feb. 28, 12:30 p.m. Co-hostesses will be Mmes. C. E. Jones and Leonard Hanson, who will be assisted by mothers of fourth grade pupils . . . This Sunday St. Agnes Parish Women's Council will hold a library tea in the rectory from 2 to 4 p.m. Capt. Ben Stein of the Los Angeles Police Dept. will talk on "Narcotics" at the Council's meeting next Tuesday. Men of the parish are invited

Wm. Burke To Address New Forum

Mrs. Stephanie Williams, president of the newly formed American Public Relations Forum, announced this week that a membership luncheon will be held Friday, Feb. 29, at noon at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale.

Guest of honor will be Msgr. Edward Wade. The principal speaker will be William Burke of the American Legion. Jack Moffitt, who writes the Jonathan Yank column in the Herald Express, will be master of ceremonies.

A unique feature of the afternoon will be recordings made in the front lines of Korea by Miss Pat Barham, war correspondent.

The Forum, which has the express approval of His Excellency—Archbishop McIntyre, was organized to help local



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Juniors of Catholic Woman's Club received the following eight new members at recent installation ceremonies, reports Miss Gertrude Cramer, president: Mmes. Jack Cramer, Richard Burian, Terrance Linehan, Tilio Silvestrini, Louis Hess and Misses Alice Annand, Anne and Katherine Shaughnessy . . . Mrs. Thomas Zorad as chairman reports that the rummage sale sponsored by St. Sebastian's Women's Club will take place March 3 and 4 at 11562 Santa Monica Blvd., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For rummage pick-up call Mrs. Zorad, AR 3-7905 . . . The public is invited to attend St. John's Altar Society monthly dessert luncheon and card party Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. in the school hall, 60th St. and Victoria Ave., announces president Mrs. Mike Feinstein . . . Early March schedule at the Social Service Sisters' Holy Spirit Retreat House includes a day of recollection for St. Augustine's Mothers Club (Culver City) Sunday, March 2, a general retreat March 7-9, and a day of recollection for St. Mark's Mothers Club (Venice) March 9. Mrs. J. P. O'Neill is chairman for St. Augustine's group, and Mrs. Louis Sully, St. Mark's. Members of the St. Francis Club under Miss Francis Rule will attend the March 7-9 retreat. Rev. Arthur Kimball will conduct all three retreats.

Installations and Invitations

Mrs. Joseph J. Schlarb, president of ACCW, recently installed the following officers of St. Anthony's Parish Council (San Gabriel): Mmes. James Cook, president; Eugene Gargan, vice-president; Donald Hunt, secretary; Felix Garcia, assistant secretary . . . Installation ceremonies of Long Beach Claretian Guild will be conducted at Dominguez Seminary, 2:15 p.m. this Sunday, for the following re-elected officers: Mmes. Flora Weissker, president; Edward Martineau, vice-president; Alice White, secretary; Josephine Teny, treasurer . . . Members of St. Ignatius Parish Council whose last names begin with "A" and "B" will sponsor the card party tomorrow, 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The public is invited, and refreshments and prizes for winners will be available report co-chairmen, Mmes. Dorothy Anderson, Agostinelli, T. J. Anderson, H. W. Andrews, Mary Alice Bodine and Isabelle Bateman.

St. Joseph's Altar Society (Pomona) president, Mrs. Charles Hodell, announces a food sale will be held in the parish hall this Sunday following Masses . . . In honor of Washington's Birthday, today, the San Gabriel Mission High Mothers' Club will attend a luncheon in the school cafeteria under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alfred Lord, president . . . An anniversary book tea will be sponsored by St. Agnes Parish Library Board Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the parish library, 1404 W. Adams Blvd. Guests will be Mrs. Eileen de la Vega, lecturer and librarian, and Mrs. Mary Lanigan Healy, Tidings columnist. Junior board members will be hostesses . . . Parishioners of Our Lady of Refuge Church (Long Beach) believe that "most folks like a good ham dinner" so the Altar Society, Mrs. Anthony Campbell, president, and Holy Name Society, Harry Galles, president, will give one this Sunday, 2 to 7 p.m., 5153 Stearns, Long Beach. Everyone is invited and tickets may be obtained at the door. Proceeds go toward the school building fund.

women gain an intelligent understanding of current legislation.

Prominent women of the San Fernando Valley have joined together to study such vital subjects as the United Nations Charter, World Government, the Genocide Convention, the Tradition of Human Rights and Universal Military Training.

Assisting as advisers are Rev. Robert Coerver of St. John's Seminary, and Rev. Augustine O'Dea of Nazareth House in Van Nuys.

The public is invited to all meetings of the Forum.

Reservations for the February 29th luncheon may be obtained from Mrs. Edward Cross, Citrus 1-9672, and Mrs. Marieta Renthier, CHapman 5-1602.

Cookbook For Fridays And Lent



By IRMA RHODE. With an introduction by Robert I. Gannon, S.J. A wide variety of meatless recipes for the American housewife on an average budget. The introduction deals with the meaning and observances of Lent and other days of abstinence. 208 pages \$3.00

Feast Day Cookbook

By KATHERINE BURTON and HELMUT RIPPERGER

A unique cookbook describing the traditional dishes served on special saints' days and other feasts on the Church calendar. Time-honored recipes adapted to our modern methods of cooking. 208 pages . . . \$3.00



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J.M.J.

In Flight
ON THE MAINLINER

February 23, 1952.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

I wanted to write to you before this, particularly before the anniversary of the death of your dear mother. I had her enrolled in three novenas of Masses which will be said each month for a year at La Salette shrines. I prayed especially for her on the anniversary of her death.

Thank you for your letter. I have been waiting for more news from you but I know that you are kept busy.

Christmas this past year was one of the happiest I have ever had. Through the prayers of my own dear mother, God granted me many and special graces on that day. I had the privilege of preparing two of our girls for baptism before Christmas; at the procession to the crib before Midnight Mass, the older girl, a junior in high school portrayed the part of our Blessed Mother, the younger, an eighth grader carried the Infant. At Communion time, both girls approached the altar led by one of their classmates dressed as St. Gabriel and in company with several others dressed as angels. It was a most beautiful sight - and it was such a privilege to have these two pure souls to offer to our Infant King. The entire day of Christmas was spent in close union with our dear Lord; I had the privilege of attending seven Masses; of making almost two hours of adoration before midnight Mass, etc during the afternoon; and then we had Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It was a day of Heaven and I enjoyed the most perfect peace of soul I have ever experienced. This peace seemed to be a very special grace from God; at least, I considered it so and was deeply grateful for it. It lasted for several weeks - would that it remained permanent, but perhaps that is asking for too much from our dear Lord.

My health has been much better this year - and things have gone very much better spiritually, too. God has been very, very good to me in spite of all my weakness and frailty. I have tried to give Him all and I have tried to live the chief resolution of my retreat of last summer, that of giving Him my thought life and of trying to block out of my life everything that would disturb my peace of soul and union with Him. As you may well

surmise, Father, I have not kept the resolution perfectly. I have tried and I feel that I have made some progress but I know that there is yet much to be done. Father Robb, our retreat master of last summer, advised a little formula which if carried out honestly and sincerely, will aid one to give Him all. His little formula is the following: when contradictions, difficulties, temptations, anything which might upset or distract the soul arise, the soul is immediately to say: "My Jesus, I thank You for this opportunity to prove my love to you; I shall offer it entirely to You." I realize that this is only what you have so often told me, Father; to abandon all to Him, to trust in Him and to confide all to Him.

As Lent is almost here, the question of what I am going to give our dear Lord is uppermost in my mind. I do wish to be faithful and to be generous. I am renewing my retreat resolutions, particularly that of giving Him my thought life, I shall observe the prescribed fast if I am given permission, and I shall do my utmost to observe my rule in its entirety. For the past year or more, I have not been too much with the community for regular prayers; sometimes this has been because of health, and sometimes because of work. I find that frequently I am only too eager to find excuses to absent myself from community prayers and exercises. I have not been too faithful to retiring promptly at night, nor of rising promptly at regular times. I have been given permission to rest in the mornings but even with this, I have not been too exact about rising at the prescribed time although I have been given to take as much rest as I could. I wish that I could arise with the community at five - if given permission, I shall try to do so.

I would appreciate your prayers for special intentions, Father, in regard to some problems concerning the community. I do not like to put these things in writing but I would appreciate your asking the Holy Spirit to guide me aright in them. Our Very Rev. Mother General arrived in Chicago this morning and we had reception for her in Beaverville today. She is here to make her visitation of the province. Many problems have arisen and I know they will be made known to her. Just how much I should state in my visit to her is a problem to me. Mother Rose Mary's illness has had its effect upon her; she is not as keen as she was in regard to the problems of the province nor is she able to understand the difficulties of the Sisters as she did formerly. This creates its own problems, too.



In Flight
ON THE MAINLINER

I don't know if you have had any recent news of Sister Mary Mediatrix or not. Last summer after the retreat, the July one here at Momence, Rev. Mother named Sister to go to St. Gall's and help a little there with the cooking. Sister's condition gradually became worse; she was unable to hold herself erect; the paralysis seemed to be climbing upward; it was pitiful to see her. She was taken back to St. Mary's and was in bed for weeks. She could not stand up for any length of time at all. Finally it was decided that she return to Mercy Hospital in Chicago to see the brain specialist whom she had seen before. It seemed necessary for surgery again. Sister has just returned to Kankakee from Mercy where the doctor found her much better than he ever had found her; he said that no surgery was needed now. I haven't seen Sister since her return from Chicago but I have seen her several times during the past year. Sister has always been grateful to me because at the time of her perpetual vows, I was able to give her a little hope and consolation. I always recall that you have told me in the past, Father; to do all I could to ~~good~~ help her in any way. God has asked much of her but He was so good to her during the retreat last summer. She gained such intimate union with Him then that she simply radiated Him to anyone who came near her; one felt that truly she was living the Mass in her complete immolation to Him. It gave me such a thrill to see her in these dispositions for it has not always been so with her the past few years. I am anxious to see her again.

Would you have any suggestions to ~~make~~ me, Father, for Lent? I might add that I shall try to refrain from complaints of any kind; frequently I find myself complaining easily. The fast of Lent will give me opportunity for mortification and I know that I need this. I pray daily for the grace of peace of soul, for the grace of contemplation, for humility, confidence, obedience, conformity to God's will, fortitude and generosity. The peace of soul and the deep union with Him which I enjoyed Christmas day and for several weeks seemed almost like the great grace of contemplation. Will it ever come, Father? It was so difficult to go from this peace and calm of soul and cessation of activity back into the rush of daily life with all its demands. The demands upon my time and energy seem to increase rather than decrease. The children are now so much more difficult to handle than formerly; then, too, many difficulties arise with the Sisters because of their lack of tact and understanding with the children; this has

has been most difficult. I am now in the midst of preparing the summer schedule for the Sisters and a spring festival for the benefit of the academy. I did not feel equal to this last year and since God has given me better health this year, I wanted to do what I could although I know the drain it will mean on my health, my energy and my time. Please ask our dear Lord to give me the grace of generosity with Him.

I had not intended to write at such length today, Father, but I am not sorry that I did. We begin Forty Hours' devotion in our chapel to-morrow morning so you may be certain of a special memento in my prayers, my visits and my hours of adoration. I beg your blessing and our prayers, Father. I trust that you will write when you can. You are remembered constantly in my prayers. I only wish that I could have the opportunity of a good talk with you at times. I know that you would make me see things in the right light and would help me to be generous with God.

Your grateful child in Him

Sister Mary Dolores
S.S.C.M.

Hail Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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Dear Fr. Alayrac,

It has been a very long time since I have heard from you. I saw you at Fr. Ripero's funeral, but your holy modesty kept your eyes from saying "Hello" as we stood but a few feet apart at Fr. Ripero's grave.

These few words are written for two reasons. First about our the proud father of 3rd child - a baby boy born Feb. 19, whose name will be Benedict-Maree! Would you be so kind as to consecrate the child to our Blessed Mother in Marey St during your Mass? Maree, I would appreciate this very much.

The second reason for this "reserved letter" is because I wish to seek your help - my soul, at times is under-griby some kind of a "dark night" for only peccad my scruples, and frequent confession is not rare to me, especially as since I have even gone to confession twice in a day. I except this as a punishment for my many past infidelities. I seem to see my sin "ever before my eyes" and it does depress me at times. Actions done impudently long ago come back to me and annoy me with the thoughts: did I have a bad intention when doing such a thing? And if I did, did I ever confess it? I see that my love of God is degenerating (?) into

fear I more discount that I would become
a victim of few when I fully realize
that God has given me a nature
particularly devoted to love.

Despairment visits me quite
often, as I see the sacred priest-
hood drowning near and then
desire incompatible with a celibate
life come to me! This saddens me
for I think: if I have such desire
then perhaps I better not except
Holy Orders if it is offered to me
for I may not lead a Christian; or else
I may very lost it by worldly love
for creature.

The trial of obedience which the
other fellows are undergoing due to their
dilection for their Rel. Professt does not
affect me & have been doing my
best to follow your advice return-
ing obedient after I also dislike the
way I am told things, still I do my
best to see and hear God in my
paperwork. Oh, I fall from my stool by
criticism now and then, but I can
truly say this is rare. God has given
me much peace in regards to being
obedient. But this doctrine of
abandonment by God is a hard truth,
one I can't understand, and it makes me
doubt if I have a pretty vocation. Father
what shall I do? Now or rather what
do you think? I will be praying that God
will enlighten you to help me as He
may desire.

You need not worry about writing to
me since Fr. Lopush has given me

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inspection of letters to Fr. Bepert. All received letters are given to Father to mark. You may answer me by sealing the first envelope and putting my name with "reserved mail" or "confidential advice" on it also. Then address the second envelope to Father Bepert. If you deem it more prudent not to do this then I will understand and continue doing my best to bear this trial, seeing that God does not even wish you to obstruct me in bearing this cross.

Rosie D'Antonio entered the hospital sister last September 15. so far she still has recovered. Please continue praying that she may do so until birth.

Kathleen Shelly has undergone many head operations. It seems as if she is recovering slowly but surely. Do you believe it will be entirely cured Father? As at God's will? She suffers too much to see parents. Her mother is father is great, and her father, being so intro-spective suffers too much within and does not want to burden himself to a friend, as it seems to me to help true good people in your projects. My family also. Paul sends

the product writings. He is a very good
religious and most edifying to me.
At present he is writing the thesis
for his Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Very much for us theologians, or
it seems as if the Theologate is going
through some kind of a crisis. I found
standing this "crisis" face over me.
The Holy Spirit is guiding my step, help-
ing me to weather the storm.
But so many of your spiritual children
are snarled!

keeping you ever present in
my poor prayers, & on to our

your spiritual child,

John-Marie ^{inf}

I.H.M *** S.H.J.

St. John's Hospital

HELENA, MONTANA

March 4, 1952

Father Aloysius
Immaculate Heart Novitiate
Los Angeles, California

Dear Father Aloysius,

Thank you for your letter, and especially for your prayers and mementos. You always seem to write us just when we are in need of a little encouragement.

We are very grateful for your prayers, for we continue to have many problems. Our collections have been better and we have been able to pay off a good portion of our debts, thank God, but a good deal still remains.

We now have a grave problem facing us with regard to the hospitals Blue Cross Plan in Montana. The Physicians Service and Blue Cross have been combined here, working in the same office. The Physicians Service has accumulated a very large financial reserve, and the Blue Cross is "running on the rim" so to speak --- altho the same Director has managed both Plans.

Taking advantage of our precarious financial situation (or so it would seem), the Doctors have served notice on us, stating that they wish to sell an insurance plan of their own. A joint-board meeting of the two Plans is to be held this coming Friday evening - March 7 - and a Hospital meeting will follow the next day. The hospitals will be forced to decide what they will do - whether they will give up the Blue Cross Plan entirely in favor of the doctors' new proposed Plan, or whether they will try to continue with the Blue Cross Plan as it was originally - apart from the Doctors and with offices of their own.

We need your prayers - first, that the hospitals will remain united, particularly the Sisters hospitals, and second, that we have the right leadership. Sisters naturally look to doctors for guidance and seem afraid to oppose them, even tho at times that is necessary.

Pray for us, please, so that if it be God's Will that the Blue Cross should remain in Montana -- this affects the whole State and thousands of subscribers -- the Hospital Administrators may be inspired with the right thing to do and say.

St. John's Hospital

HELENA, MONTANA

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You probably do not write during lent. No matter. It is your prayers that we need. Please pray hard, particularly on Friday evening and all day Saturday.

We have a picture of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in our office which I begged from Sister Victoria. She seems to have worked miracles of grace for us - for I have noticed a marked change in our collections since I placed her on my desk. She is doing other things for us, too, I know. I have placed our Blue Cross problem in this Immaculate Heart and feel that you will do likewise.
Pray hard.

Gratefully,

Sister Eugenia

PS: Sister Victoria sends you the enclosed check in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sister also wishes to thank you and to send her kindest regards.



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PROVINCIAL OFFICE

March 5, 1952

Reverend and dear Father:

Enclosed you will find a circular letter from our General Government in Rome. According to the instructions given therein, let it be read to the Community.

In order to comply with their request, the Provincial Government suggest that you hold a local chapter to decide how much extra your Community may contribute towards the Votive Temple and when you will forward that amount to the Provincial Office. This contribution is not to be taken from the funds of the House which already belong to the Congregation.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours in C. M.

B. Frison CMF
Basil Frison, C. M. F.
Secretary

Claretian Missionaries
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

May 5, 1952

Reverend Father Provincial,

The dormitory water heater needs to be replaced. Our own plumber, The Bear State Plumbing Company, has submitted the lowest bid of the firms contacted. Their price including installation is \$114.00.

I humbly request permission to proceed with the installation.

Father Aloysius Ellacurie CMF
Father Aloysius Ellacurie, CMF

O.K.
Macrinus Nino, C.M.

Claretian Missionaries
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California
May 6, 1952

Very Reverend Father Provincial:

Mr. Marcos Abouaf, salesman at Courtesy Chevrolet was unable to transact the proposed offer of \$1,100.00 for a new car because \$175.00 worth of additional repairs were discovered in our present Plymouth.

Father Bossi said that a deal around \$1,300.00 would be satisfactory. These are the two best offers we have had:

- 1) A 1952 Chevrolet will cost \$1285.00 plus our car. They will give us \$60.00 worth of accessories and a 25 per cent discount on any parts that we buy there in the future.
- 2) A 1952 Plymouth will cost \$1320.00 without accessories.

Fr. Alfonso Ellacuria, C.M.

O.K.
Marino Niño, C.M.
May 6, 1952

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School of Saint Mary
Lake Forest, Illinois

Feast of Our Lady's Sorrows
April 4, 1952

Dear Father,

You helped Dick ^{Harrigan} over many temptations in the Novitiate & think he needs your help again. I don't know whether you have much contact with ^{him} ~~him~~ or that that would be possible. But I am taking a chance that you may be able to do something for him. I received a letter from him today and he says he "has not become any more settled since his first Profession." These doubts about whether he is doing what God wants Him

to do evidently are still bothering him.
Perhaps I shouldn't be burdening
you with this matter but I know
in my religious life I have sought
the aid of my Novice Mistress many
times. Again I am taking a chance
that the same privilege is made
use of in your Community. At
least I can recommend him to your
prayers. What I wouldn't give to
see him and talk with him! But
perhaps by supernaturalizing
that desire I can help ^{him} be faithful
to the graces God is holding
for him. I have written him but
it is difficult to know if what
you say is the right approach.
Many things are gained by

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prayer and sacrifice. I think
that that is my part in this
plan of God.

If there is anything else that
I can do to help Dick please let
me know. Naturally, the rest of
the family are ignorant of any
of this. His letters to them are
very cheerful and religious-like.

Thank you Father, for all you
have done for Dick in the past.
Also for your patience in reading
through this epistle. Be assured
of a special daily remembrance
in my prayers.

Sincerely in J.C.,
Sister Mary Myles, R.S.M.

Saint Joseph Convent
4824 Highland Avenue
Downers Grove, Illinois

Feb 14, 1952

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am ~~... \$17~~, seven dollars or
an off ~~for~~ for ~~Gov~~ ~~... to be~~
~~said, by~~ ~~... if~~ ~~... ,~~ ~~my~~
~~spiritual needs.~~

Many and great have been my
crosses these ~~...~~ few months.
Misunderstanding and ~~...~~ !
My loss of confidence in myself and
others has brought ~~...~~ ~~ment~~
and depression. If only I
the answer — am I to blame or,
is it ~~...~~ ~~ation?~~ I cannot
judge. I ~~...~~ too ~~...~~ and
depressed ~~...~~ ~~ay~~ in me. ~~...~~ somehow
I feel so abandoned — so alone!
Frankly, I don't know what to say
to you. Once ~~...~~ , I trust
in your prayers.

Your ~~...~~ in Christ,
Sister ~~...~~ , Virginia

The Feast of the
Holy Name of Jesus

Dear Father Alloysius:

Thank you for the
beautiful card with the
blessing of St. Anthony
Mary L'Isle! It gave
me a true spiritual
joy to receive it.

Often I thank God
for His goodness to me
last summer - His per-
mitting you to be the
great solace you were

in my sorrow. My
dear brother, Father O',
is nearer to God because
of you. I shall ever be
grateful!

May I ask your prayers
for me, Father, that I
be more zealous with
God. If it is convenient
for you, I should like
a Mass offered on the
feast of St. Timothy for
my spiritual growth.

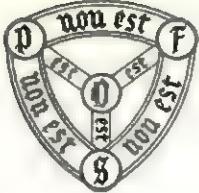
If it is impossible then
whenever convenient will
be satisfactory.

God love you always!

Sister Timothy

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Abbey of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity

HUNTSVILLE - UTAH

May 9, 1952

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius:

Our Fr. Master was happy to receive your very nice letter and has given me the necessary information in order to write the testimonial letter in regard to Martin Wurth.

Martin Wurth was with us from July 1949 to August 1950. He is certainly a very good and sincere soul. He is very quiet and keeps the rule excellently. One slight moral defect is or rather was noticeable in him while here and that is a tendency to indecision. It seems he has had this from his early years but we do not feel that it is serious or difficult to correct for he is very docile and obedient.

The main reason why he left here was because of his health as he has surely informed you. He had one fainting spell which we did not think much of and he got over the indisposition resulting from it in a day or two. But about a week later he had another spell. He had just gotten outside of our church when he fainted and hit his head on the tile covered cement floor. We sent him to the hospital as he did not regain consciousness. The doctor said that he had a hemorrhage in the head and that he had an enlarged vein that was weak. The restrictions required of him by the doctor hardly fit in with our life so he saw that there was nothing to do but to leave as much as he regretted to do so.

Since then he has been in good health and has been living a normal life without trouble. He wrote later on that a doctor he had gone to told him that the only way to be sure of the former diagnosis would be to open his head and have a look at it, which, of course, wouldn't be very practical.

If your life isn't too strenuous, I would be happy to see him given a chance. I have confident hope that he would make good. If anything of his former illness recurred, it would, so it seems to us, mean the end of the religious life for him. Keep us in your fervent prayers.

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Fraternally in Our Lady,

J. M. Maurice Lass
O.C.S.O.

Abbot

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Dear Father:-

This is the best that could be done about the pictures. It seems we do not have many taken together. I do hope they will do.

You may count on me to do anything you want me to do at the barbecue at the Seminary on August 17th. Meanwhile I will endeavor to get home to commit myself for that day too, as soon as feasible and let you know. I think it will be alright.

My continuing affection and gratitude to you Father. God love you.

Sunday August 3rd, 1952

I am

While at Carmel we will be at
Del Monte Lodge
Pebble Beach, California
We return Thursday or Friday.

J.L.

Immaculate Heart Noviciate
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

June 7, 1952

Very Reverend Father Provincial:

This is to present to Your Reverence the prices for a sofa and four chairs that are going to be for the Provincial House. Mrs. Margaret Ehring was able to obtain wholesale prices for us from the Cole Furniture Company, 112 South Los Angeles Street. Mrs. Ehring spoke with the owner of the company, Mr. Leo Cole who gave her the following prices for the furniture which is upholstered in green leather:

Sofa \$148.50

Large chair with arms \$33.00

3 small chairs \$19.80 each

Taxes \$8.43

The total amount comes to \$249.33

Submitting this to Your Reverence for approval,

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

O.K.

Macrina Xiao, Cuy.



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PROVINCIAL OFFICE

July 5, 1952

Very Reverend Father Provincial:

This is to present to Your Reverence the estimate for the cost of carpeting the main stairway of the Provincial House. The estimate is \$252.77.

The new suite of chairs cost \$329.03 which makes a total expence of \$581.80 for all the furnishings.

The donation for this was \$500.00. I have received \$38.00 from Tom Lewis which is also a gift from the Beverly Hills Guild. The total contribution amounts to \$538.00.

The difference to be met, \$43.80, the community now presents to you to complete the total expence.

Submitting this to the approval of Your Reverence, I remain

Humbly yours,

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria
Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

*O.K.
Macarius Nino, C.M.F.*

ADDRESS OF MGR. LARRAGA
PRO FEST OF THE SACRED CONVENTION OF RELIGIUS
JETHIMANI, AUGUST 20, 1952

Right Reverend Father, my Reverend Fathers and dear brothers: We believe in the providence of God, in which there are three Divine attributes, namely Wisdom, Power and Goodness. Jesus has said that not even one hair would fall from our heads without our heavenly Father's permission. You might say that all things in each one of our lives are ordered and coordinated by it, and so I believe that it is this sweet providence of God, which today on the feast of your sweet St. Bernard, that brings me from Rome to say a few words in the name of Holy Mother the Church. I speak not not only for your benefit and consolation, but for my own as well. I truly believe that you are, and that you represent a phenomenon which not only embraces this great and immense land of America, but the entire Church. And I have seen too that the Church is interested and desirous that your movement should become more intense continue in its course and produce its fruits. And so She comes, in my person, to tell you of her joy and to bring Her maternal words.

Tomorrow I shall speak of the Contemplative life.

Today when I came with your dear Reverend Father, I remembered a saying of that great Abbot of Sept-Fontes, Dom Chautard, whom you all know. I knew him from La Frappe. I knew Dom Chautard very well. He once wrote that, those who think the Cistercian life is only a cumulus of ascetical disciplinary measures, or exterior, harsh and crude rules are mistaken. There is much more to it than that. He said that it is a Cistercian labour. It is not a light thing but a serious matter when you feign a duty, when you make a mistake in choir and when you are not always in the presence of God with a complete and total prostration, which is our duty as creatures and sons.....but see, this is very human.

If we remove the Corpus from the cross, it becomes something that frightens us. But if we keep the body of Christ nailed to the cross, we then have the soul of the Cistercian life.

The sincere, profound and personal love that St. Bernard had for Our Lord and His Mother gives us the true spirit of the Cistercian life. How well St. Bernard understood that the Incarnation is a fact, that God became Man, that He is true God and truly a Man.

We should have all this in mind when we are in choir, for He is the Human ideal, a Man we do not find just anywhere, a Man we love and to whom we are united to by necessity. What a sin that we do not know Him! We often forget that He has a name! He is called Jesus, who is God, the perfect God but who is at the same time perfect Man. He is God in such a way that He did not appear to be Man, and Man in such a way that He did not appear to be God. This is because He was at the same time perfect Man and perfect God.

Time will not allow me to speak too long today, so I shall only speak of the religious life under three aspects.

There is first the aspect of consecration, in which we consecrate ourselves to God in a spirit of truth, which fills up and unites and elevates our entire life to God. It unites us not only to God the Creator, but to God the Father. "Remember" says St. Thomas, "that the virtue of Religion is intimately to the Theological virtues of Charity." It is the closest of the Moral Virtues because our religion is essentially filial----Our Father! How comforting it is for us to say to God, "Our Father, Who art in heaven, I know that Thou art Omnipotent, omniscient, that Thou art Goodness and that Thou art mine because this ineffable and great grace is a gift."

The Apostle has said, "When everything that is in us is revealed, that will be heaven" How comforting it is for us to recall this fact, yes even you the youngest novice, when reciting our public prayers in the name of Holy Mother the Church and to remember that in the old and solemn liturgy of the pontificate, the Breviary was given to monks as their proper instrument of prayer. How consoling it is to give God the that unceasing worship that is due Him.

See now, virtue consists in commencing our paradise today. What we will sing there later, let us begin to sing here and now. Sing it sweetly! Sing it for yourselves and for all mankind! Sing to the Lord Jesus, and thus we shall return to God united to Jesus, by doing what Jesus did. And recall to mind that beautiful human soul that St. Ignatius sang of in the "Anima Christi". With our souls united to that soul, which is Jesus, we must give God, in perpetual adoration, that worship which is indeed owed to Him.

St. Paul said that Jesus ~~is~~ recapitulates all creatures and that we who are the recapitulation of all creatures sing to God when we are united to Jesus. The religious life is then first of all a consecration. It is a consecration by which all our acts be they small or great, material or spiritual sing to God the Father in that perennial praise which is indeed a song---"Through Him and with Him and in Him is to Thee God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory."

How well St. Bernard felt this! How he sang the Divine praises with himself and with Jesus! What a wonderful and consecrated life his was! It was a life in which all things formed a unity. It was a life in which all things were done as a profound perfume of prayers and praises for God. And how lovingly God kept and cherished that filial life, that life which still makes us do everything as his sons, united to that only begotten Son who became the first born among us. The first thing a Cistercian must be then, is a good follower of St. Bernard.

In concluding the first aspect of the religious life we must remember that we must be not only the man of prayer who always prays and prays in all things and makes everything a prayer, but we must become like prayer made man. For truly,

it is by the "Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen." that we are united and fused, not confused but really fused.

We know then that the first aspect of the consecrated life is consecration through Him, consecration with Him and consecration in Him, so that Jesus may conquer and possess us and take us to the Father.

The second point is that the religious life is a life of perfection. And let us not get the means mixed up with the end. St. Paul said, "Omnia autem vestra sunt, vos autem Christi". Recall how St. Bernard gave a Christlike character to his life.

In developing this second point, I would like to tell you a story that my saintly novicemaster enjoyed relating to us. It went this way; A young man who was very virtuous once presented himself to Christ--"Intuitus eum, dilexit eum"--and Jesus looked into his eyes. This showed that he had always done his duties and observed the commandments. Jesus loved the youth because he had never betrayed Him. The young man asked:

"What should I do to save myself?"

"Keep the Commandments"

"But which ones?"

And so Jesus patiently told him.

"But I have always kept them. What else must I do?"

And how Our Lord responded!

"So you want to be perfect and lack nothing?"

"I want to be perfect!"

"The perfect man is the one who lacks nothing here."

"And how can I be perfect?"

"The first thing to do is to go and sell all your goods, and to take all those things which make it impossible for you to be similar to Me and renounce them. And now follow Me."

Jesus then invited the young man to live the common life with Himself as if he were an Apostle.

Recall how St. Bernard had this deep in his heart and mind. "For me to be perfect is to be Christ, to think with Christ by faith, to have His thoughts". Therefore you must love with Christ as the apostle often said: "I feel with the feelings of Christ, and reproduce Christ as my ~~model~~ model in such a way that He is truly the life of my life." He is perfection!

Keep this in mind however--never confuse the means with the end. Let not our acts in all our undertakings be mere material actions, so that the spirit is lacking. All things should be done in a manner that makes us similar to Christ, so that Christ may come into our lives. He who does not understand this is not a Cistercian! Indeed he lacks a soul! He is nothing more than a beautiful corpse in the religious life. What a sad thing.

how beautiful the religious life is, and how perfect a thing it is when the silence is loved, the modesty kept, the ceremonies are well performed, and when all things are done in such a way that we are not only helped on but penetrated by them.

Remember too, that St. Bernard says that perfection in its second aspect of the religious life is not something vague, with respect to the life of Christ, which necessarily ^{must} become our life.

Listen to the last i.e., why does our Lord want us to be united to Himself to render worship to the Father? Why does Jesus want us to reproduce His life in us? The answer is so that we may be one with Him, united to Him, in conformity with Him and fused to Him. When with Christ we reproduce Christ in us, we are fused to the Father--we are "alter Christus". And how well we can apply this to St. Bernard.

Today on the feast of your great St. Bernard, when you recall the events in his life remember that his life is your life. Remember that united to Jesus you will be truly consecrated souls, united to Jesus you will be perfect souls, united to Jesus you will be other Christs! Jesus is the complete ideal!

Remember too that we are by grace and extension of the life of Christ, and that Jesus was so faithful to His ideal, that He has given us His own Mother as if she were our own mother. Do not forget that by grace we are brothers of Jesus, therefore His mother is ours also. How beautiful the logic of grace is!

"How keenly St. Bernard felt this! Recall his wonderful and famous words: "All my hope is and will be in her."

St. Paul said, "You have many teachers in Christ, but you have one Father while Christ is formed in you."

Our Lady can say: "You have many persons who will watch over you, but I am truly your Mother if you form Christ in yourself."

In closing I will say that a Cistercian who says and proclaims that he will keep the true traditions of St. Bernard intact, must be a great lover of Mary. This reminds me of one of my very good friends who is now a member of the active apostolate. He once dreamed of living the life of a Trappist and so he tried it. The Lord did not give him the grace to stay, and returned him to his active life in the world. He could not resist telling me: "How good the hard life of a Trappist was. It was bearable for me because I sang the "Salve Regina" at the end of the day, I knew then that she was truly my strength."

To my dear ones, on this feast of St. Bernard I came to tell you in the name of 'Holy Mother the Church--"Be Cistercians 100 %."

In this way, when you are in Jesus, with Him and by Him,
be consecrated souls, be perfect souls, saintly souls!

Do we not invoke Our Lady in the Litany as "Virgo Fidelis"?
Dom Maron, that great monk said that "fidelity is the perfume
of love." Be faithful then like a rose for fidelity is the
perfume of the rose. Let us give our fidelity to Christ beautiful,
centered with the love of His Mother--our own Mother.

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September 2, 1952

Rv. A. Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dearest Father of my soul in Jesus and Mary:

Let me use some moments of this busy life to talk to you by written word, as I cannot do it otherwise. Oh, how my poor soul would appreciate the chance to see and chat with you at length about the most important problems of our life. On the other hand I feel very happy following the Will of God who so lovingly has ordained everything to be as they are at the present. I shall confess it to you alone:-at despite of being so imperfect and miserable, I have found already the only way for true human happiness-the way of the Cross-the way of Love-the Holy Will of God. Is not this an extraordinary present of the infinite goodness of our heavenly Father? How thankful must I be to HIM!

I have been really amazed seeing and experiencing the heavenly Father's Love working most wondrously in my own soul as well as in souls of others. It was just on August 22-Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our dearest Mother, that my desires to see the CORDIMARIAN FILATION established in the States became happy reality. It was not I -unable to accomplish any good thing- but somebody else who did it. Father I believe it and I feel it this way. And it is not difficult to prove it. All I have to do is to look upon me and inside my soul. It will be a waisting-time story to go again over things you know. As to the present, here are my experiences. It has been for about two weeks that I feel something especial. It is the presence of God pervading this poor being of mine all through. It is a hard thing to be put into words. I haven't been feeling well physically. Just the 23 of August I had to go to the Chacery Office to present a second time a difficult marriage case I had been working in unsuccessfully for about four months. Thanks be to God, it was approved at last. In coming back home by bus, I began to feel so bad in my head and stomach that I thought I was going to faint. At home I was unable to take anything. I just drank a glass of bromoseltzer and went to bed. But sicknesses, occupations and tiredness are not enough to prevent the perfect functioning of my faculties, and the extraordinary feelings I try to speak about. It is not the first time I have them, as you know, but they are deeper now, and the self-knowledge, taste of the divine presence and the peace produced by them in the soul are much greater. There is no to see-at least in a clear manner-but to be convinced and to feel deeply the intimate presence of an infinite being outside but mostly inside my soul. It is not clearly, but as it would be hidden in a mist, or as a delicate touch with a light curtain only in between. Wish I have words to explain this better, since I am afraid of errors and misleadings of the enemy. Perhaps you have experienced that also. Thus you will understand it better as to be able to tell me what is the truth of all this.

Being professor I used to try to understand and explain the mystery of the most Holy Trinity by rational demonstrations. I would not say that I understand it much better now, but yes I feel it. Till not long ago, I had try to cultivate in my heart a special devotion to the Three adorable persons of the most Holy Trinity, particularly to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Now my poor soul has begun to experience a powerful attraction towards the divine person of the Father. He has been so much forgotten! His sole remembrance makes me enjoy sweet and deep emotions my soul never felt before. I guess this is a little of that unspeakable happiness experienced by our Holy Fr. Founder on pronouncing the word "FATHER". Mine cannot be called but a tiny beginning, of course. The same thing I have to confess thinking of our dearest Mother. If you jump in the lake or the sea what can you feel but watter? and if you are immersed-lost in the ocean of Her maternal love, what can you feel but love, sweet love? Oh happy love, oh love divine...to know and to experience what it means to live within the Immaculate Heart of Mary-Mother of God and mine! Dear Father, as I try to write all this my poor heart keeps repeating Mother...and my arms feel daunted so I had to stop three times already. (I got to recover a little from a short distraction). Because of my many and great imperfections and my being such a bad son to HIM and to HER I sometimes think that all this must be an illusion or a trick of the devil. But it comes to mind that St. Theresa knew how imperfect souls can receive extraordinary favors from heaven. Besides I use to feel a deep interior assurance that it is from God. At least the effects seem to be very profitable to my soul. Though still I am at times a little afraid of the snares of the enemy. Can you tell me please how should I behave in all these occasions? ~~She~~ I let my heart to be taken away by this love? or do you want me to fly away from it? And if I am in somebody else's company how should I act?

Going back again to that about the Cordimarian Filiation I cannot but say that it was the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother herself the real establisher of the Institute here. Besides the external examination of facts I have an interior assurance so strong that it would be very difficult for anybody-except my Director-to make me believe otherwise. She selected the girls. She has given the start. And She will continue on blessing it and providing for it everyday more. This is what causes me to be confident on the perpetual permanency and the spreading of the Institute throughout all the States despite of all the difficulties it will have to meet with. Thousands of saintly souls shall go to heaven from these United States following this unique way of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I don't know how I say these things, but I see them this way, and I feel that I have to tell you everything as I see it, though I might be mistaken.

About the middle of August Fr. Cecere offered me to preach the Exercises to the Community of St. Jude's Seminary. That I couldn't accept because of being a little tired and busy with things of the Parish, the Cordimarian Filiation and the arrangements for the Parish Carnival, and because of my deficient English. The carnival closed up yesterday. Now we begin to be at peace. Thanks be to God!

Sometime this month I hope to be able to dispose of a free week to practice my semi-annual retreat. Though I expect to have some days before to get a little rest. The full account of this past year will be forwarded to you whenever it is ready.

Send me once more your holy blessing and keep me in your prayers.

Yours truly in C.O.M.F.

Joseph Gallegos C.M.F.

TOM LEWIS

Dear Father -

This is an offering - and I
wish it were many times more. It's a
real joy to make my donation.

I look forward to seeing you
this week. We are making progress I know -
I see it so clearly when I think of the
situation as it was several months ago, and
as it is now. Bad habits of thought and
reaction are stubborn and hard to break
and so there are set-backs at times. Nothing
matters however if we progress in the right way.

The prayers and the aspirations you
gave me are great strengtheners and great safe-
guards. And so I look forward to seeing you
and praying there in the Chapel where so many
prayers have gone up for us and have been heard.

Thank you Father. I am so grateful
for this help - this strength and inspiration.

Dearly, in Christ.

Tom

Sept. 15, 1952

Immaculate Heart Novitiate
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Oct. 8, 1952

To the Local Government:

The water heater supplying the novices shower room (in the basement of the chapel building) is broken so that there are now no facilities for the novices to take showers.

The water heater is beyond repair and a new one needs to be purchased. In May of this year the water heater in the novices dormitory was replaced by the Bear State Plumbing Co. Their price including installation was \$114.00 for a 40 gallon heater. This was the lowest of bids submitted to us.

We would like to ask permission to have a new heater installed by this Company to replace the broken one.

Humbly submitted for approval,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
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Basil Frison, CMF
Supr.

J. M. J.

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October 19, 1952

Reverend Alorsius Ellacuria, C. M. F.

Dear Father Alorsius,

Sister Noel and Sister Mary Grace have told us of your great devotion to Our Blessed Mother. It is because of that that I am asking for your advice on this matter, for I feel that you would know more perfectly what Our Lady would wish in this case.

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My brother-in-law is suffering from lympho-sarcoma - Hodgkin's Disease - He will be twenty-nine years old in December. He is a truly practical Catholic in all the phases of his life His resignation to God's Will in his regard is awe-inspiring. While they are praying for a cure, they are completely abandoned to His Will. This is their problem, Father. My other sister and her husband have given them the money for Jim to go to Lourdes. Jim says he is not sure it is right for him to spend all that money to go to Lourdes when he

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can pray to Our Lady in his own parish church in Presno. He feels it would be better - and more in the true interests of Our Lady - to spend the money educating a priest for Mary - and stay here and trust that she will obtain a cure for him, if it be God Will. On the other hand Lourdes seems to be a spot especially in Mary's favor so they are not sure which course of action would please Our lady more.

My sister has already promised to attend Mass everyday and to receive Holy Communion daily, if possible, - and she gives her

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daily Masses and Holy Communions to Our
Blessed Mother to "spend" as she wishes-
if only Our Lady would cure Jimmy.

They have been married only five
and a half years, Father. They have one
adopted baby, and they would have
adopted others except that Jim's condition
makes it prohibitive. Jim is a lawyer
who was doing - and could do - so much
for the Church. There are very few men
so ready to meet Our God, if that be His
Will. And although his death would be
very hard on my sister, she has enough

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faith and love and trust that this greatest sacrifice would only been seen through Gods Eyes.

I am sorry for taking so much of your time - but here you have our problem. Could you please find time to write to me soon and tell me what you think Our Lady would want Jiminy to do? Ana, Father, if I could persuade them to go to Los Angeles, would you please bless him? I hope this isn't too much of an imposition on you, Father. I shall pray for you and my sister will, too, I know. If you knew her, I feel you would value her prayers for she is so much like Our Lady.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,
Sister M. Ann Veronica

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October 29, 1952

Rev.Fr. L. Ellacuria,O.M.F.
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dearest Father in Jesus and Mary:

It was after the things of the Canonical Visitation were over that I have been busy written you an "spiritual relation". It is almost complete on scratch paper, but a phone-call this afternoon told me to get ready to leave for California to attend the blessing of the new College. It was a promise of Very Fr. Provincial before he left.

See then -my dear Father- how good is our Lord to me. I shall be most happy to see you again and talk to you about many things-some of them believe to be very important.

In order to be able to do it better, I want to request from you the charity of A ROOM in that Holy House, for the few days I am planning to be there around. I will be off to-morrow,together with Fr.De.Prada. Hope to be able to sleep in your House Friday night.

Seeing you soon- Thanks be to Jesus,Mary and Joseph.

Meanwhile, I am as ever whole yours

Joseph Gallego a/f.

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SPIRITUAL ACCOUNT - October 31, 1952

Rev. Fr. A. Ellecuria, C.M.F.
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Dearest Father in Jesus and Mary:

Let me use a few minutes to chat with you as spiritual son who wants to be good. Sorry I cannot keep my spiritual diary because of the many little things to be done. But with the help of God I will try to bring forth to you faithfully everything which is in my poor memory.

Nothing special has happened as to my spiritual life, since my last letter to you. Besides those intimate experiences of which you were told, all I took with me from the month of August was tireness. So, the very understanding Fr. Superior gave me general permission to get up a half hour later in the morning-which I have been using most of the time.

September has been rather peaceful. Still from the 14 to the 19-Fr. Superior being out of town to make his semi-annual retreat-I had to take over again the care of the whole Vicariate. In coming back he gave me two weeks of Vacation. Taking up his generous word I left for Momence on the 29 to begin my week of retreat. On October 4 at noon time I was back again to help around here. The plane was for me to return to Momence the following day in the evening for the second week of Vacation. In truth my idea was to get in to some peaceful place where to pray and do some important writing, which I find hard to do here. But then I saw Fr. Superior feeling bad physically, so I decided to renounce to that outing, and to remain here doing my best in everithing. Then also we heard of Fr. Provincial's coming for the Visitation, which meant for me more work to keep busy with.

It was something unexpected and almost unbelievable-for unwothiness and inexperience on my side-until it came to happen. Say that the Very Rev. Fr. couldn't find any body else to serve as his Secretary during the Canonical Visitation to the houses up here in Illinois. So he just called me up and ask me to do that job for him. My only excuse was from my inexperience. But he replied that he would be my guide. I couldn't deny myself-I know how much he has to suffer. Certainly I tried my best on helping him. He also helped me a great deal, because he told me how to examine the various kinds of books, and before I wrote anything in them I always presented it to him for correction and advice. I am most sorry for the possible mistakes on that. But I feel most happy for he gave me his holy blessing the afternoon before he left for San Antonio, Texas.

I invited him to meet the Postulants of the C.F. He kindly did so on October 12. He spoke to them. He encouraged us all to go ahead for love of Jesus and the Immaculate H. of the Blessed Mother. He ended the meeting with his holy blessing upon everyone of us.

Going back again to that of the retreat I feel that it was a profitable one. More profitable than those made in commun, I should say. To sum up and that you may grasp an idea of my soul's activity during those days, here follow the timetable which I tried to keep and the resolutions taken for the immeidated future.

T I M E T A B L E

A.M.

5:00	-Rising
5:25	-Meditation
6:25	-Mass
7:40	-Breakfast
8:00	-Walking
8:15	-Breviary
9:00	-Room
10:00	-Meditation - Reading
11:15	-Walking
11:30	-Noon Prayers and spiritual reading
12:00	-Lunch

P.M.

12:30	-Recreation
1:00	-Rest
3:00	Meditation - Reading
4:15	-Walking
4:45	-Room
6:30	-Supper
7:00	-Recreation
7:00	-Rosary
7:50	-Meditation
8:50	-Devotions
9:00	-Night Prayers...

R E S O L U T I O N S

- 1) To say nothing which either direwtly or indirectly would harm my neighbour's fame.--God curses the murmur and gossiper.
- 2) Not to speak of myself or about things of mine, unless the Glory of God requires it necessarilly.
- 3) To try to make my meditation better.
- 4) To kill right away any movement of impatience. -- God is immutable.
Be as thy heavenly Father is.

Our Very Rev. Fr. Provincial opened the Canonical Visitation to this Community on the 12 of this month. I was very happy to have with him a long chat on various points important to our religious well-being. I shall hereby mention some of these points, as concerning my personal life and activities.

a) In regards to the work to be done in this Vicariate for the spiritual welfare of its quasi-abandoned souls, I have in mind the following projects:

1-To continue working on the taking of the census.

2-To establish the Arch-Confraternity of the Im.H. of Mary.

3-To establish the Cordimarian Youth for girls and the Claretian Youth for boys.

4-To establish the Children of the Im.H. of Mary for children.

(These will take some time tho, because there is not enough litterature in English. I will have to work on this first)

5-I am planning to open soon a Club of Religion, for the Youth of both sexes.

Especially for those who didn't go or are not going to catholic School.

6-To begin soon a series of lectures on family life for married and engaged couples.

For all these of course I have to count on Fr. Pastor's approval, who will determine also the place for the gatherings, etc.

Hope other organizations will come after these, until the Mission is perfectly organized, as it is the desire of our Superiors.

b) Referring to former projects on writing about the spiritual life, the claretian life, and the family life, he said to keep them up and work on them the most I can under the circumstances. --To be able to do that, he gave me oral permission to buy good books on these matters for particular use, with the money I receive now and them from some friends.

c) Then I told him not to laugh at or curse me, as I remind him of something he said to me before at Dominguez, as to the possibility of getting some degree in any University (Loyola), of Chicago. Naturally, without leaving the jobs and tasks I now have in this place, where I feel very happy to be. --It was not a petition. It was a simple proposal prompted by the desire of giving more effectiveness to my missionary work. Here are some hows:

--It increases the authority and prestige of the Missionary. This helps tremendously to introduce the good ideas everywhere.

--Gives the chance to introduce yourself into high cultural circles. This can be of great help too.

--Would give many opportunities to meet good young people, and so be able to get some select vocations for our Seminaries and the Cordimarian Filiation.

--I don't think it would be difficult there to get acquainted with learned people interested in Spanish. And I want somebody to translate our claretian litterature into good English, and also some outsiders able and willing to write about the Claretians and their works, like some other Orders have.

--That would prepare you to become professor at the same time that you are assistant. This broadens the road of your activities, while it would for sure increase the material help to the Congregation.

--Taking appropriate subjects (English, Philosophy, Psychology), I would have a better preparation to write on the matters above-mentioned.

Fr. Said to like the idea, and told me to look for information at the University of Loyola. Then, to forward it to him, that he may decide.

As I said this was a simple proposal inspired by the desire to help souls more and better. So I thought not oposed to your forbidding me to ask and refuse in this and any other matter\$.

I need your prayers and holy blessing -

Yours heartily in C. D. M.

Joseph Gallego, cf.

A.M.D.G.

&
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November 8, 1952

Dear Fr. Aloysius,

Your cooperation to bring Dad back, is most gratefully appreciated by all of us. We will trustingly persevere until the time has come to give our thanks-giving for returning him to his family and to Christ the King and center of all hearts.

Dad's improvement over the indifferentism of the past, where he felt attached to no one in his "Run-away-world" is shown by his letter of Nov. 4th. "I will never forget all the good times we had together. It was marvelous to see each of you again and all those darling grandchildren" "Please send me a copy of the pictures you took on our trip" "Wish you could get one of all the grandchildren" "My, I am proud of all of you, and wish my work was near you where I could seen you often."

For myself, Father, I am deeply interested in getting a job with a Christopher purpose, and leave this functionary job. The Popular music field has fascinated me for many years. I kept track of all the songs on the radio, their lyrics, composers, and popularity. I believe that much is needed in the field to elevate and eliminate toward better and wholesome music and lyrics. Direction even in a very small way would be a good; to fill hearts with good, instead of forming a vacuum and longing for that which is not good. The direct appeal to millions of hearts is a great power for good or evil. I will appreciate your prayers, guidance, and contacts, if any, in helping me to embark on this new career, where God and His good may be glorified.

Many thanks for your help, and in Our Dearest Mother's name thank you for your encouraging and strengthening message.

God love you and keep you,





J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,
NOTRE DAME,
INDIANA.

Nov. 17th 1952

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

I see it is left to me to break the ice that is so very deep however I will humbly do so even my poor shaky hand find it difficult to manage with my pen first of all I did not know where You were, I was relying on Your good Saint Anthony M. Claret every time I came to his picture ^{and Yours-} along with the little card of the novena prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I would ask Her through the intercession of St. A. M. Claret to please tell me where You were, about a week ago, I met Sr. Maria Cecille the music teacher and Choir director, saying oh Sister I have been wanting to tell You I met a good friend of Yours this summer while I was in Los Angeles, I asked her who might it be, she said Father Aloysius Ellacuria, oh I said is he still in the same place, I havent heard from him in many months, I knew he was looking for a place to move his Novitiate, that I never heard where they were, Sr. said You are in the same place, well & what happened! didn't You secure a suitable place, oh I think Your boys do not pray enough to Our Lady & St. Anthony Claret, I read in one of the Catholic papers of a national novena to Him I made it and put You all



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in it. Keep on asking Him to get You the desired place for Your novitiate and I know You will get it. I will continue. I know of a Lady who was given up as a hopeless case. I sent her one of the pictures You sent me told her say the prayer every day and she would be cured she is not a Catholic. Saint Anthony Claret cured her she is the mother of two children only recently she gave birth to another baby she is entirely cured she may enter the Church soon.

I have been poor in getting any donations so could not send You any Mass offerings neither did I know where You were, I knew You receive Your assignments some time in June. I looked for You every day while the Convention for Religious was held at Notre Dame University as all the Masters of novices from all over the Country were present. I looked for You to come over as many of the Fathers did. I was disappointed, I saw Your Member of Your Order, who represented the Holy Father, he gave us his blessing. I thought how blessed the Claretian Fathers are to have one of their members so closer to His Holiness.

Enclosed find an offering for a holy mass in Honor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, in Thanksgiving for a favour received and for two special intentions. please excuse my shaky hand, I hope You and Your dear Brother keep well.

see over

Some one said "out of sight out of mind" that may be on
Your part who not appears here to little me You are always
in my prayers that a promise I will wish God's help always
keep, Sister Maria Claithe said. Sister Your friend is very holy
does he tell You some of his holy experiences; I said no Sister
many of our Sisters there told me about him.

Please, Rev. Father in Your holy moments do remember this
poor Sinner that is still so far-far away from the goal.
Thanking You Rev. Father.

Yours sincerely in Holy Cross
Sister M. Mildreda.

J. M. J.

Prix, June
San Francisco 10, Calif.
Nov. 18, '52.

Dear Father Boysen,

Dear Father,

It is such a long time since I wrote to you, but I do not forget you at my daily Mass and Holy Communion.

I had two surprises during the week, - one very pleasant and the other very sad. I had just started writing you the pleasant news, when a phone message disturbed me very much.

A Jewish friend of ours, in his old age now, is giving his wonderful stamp collection for his only grandson. He inquired if I still wanted more for my collection and I said 'yes', so he sent me a box full of his duplicates saying that there are many valuable ones among them. Now, since he does not know that I gave that collection to you, I could not ask him which the valuable ones are. Also he bought a boy's collection and after taking the ones he wanted, he gave me the rest. Those are on the cards.

As I never thought I would get another supply from my ... - all the rare stamps I have been getting these last two years, I have been giving them away. I regret very much now that I did not save them for you, but hereafter I shall do so.

It would be advisable to let some one who knows the value of stamps look over them, because last week there was an Ad in the paper offering \$47⁰⁰ for a certain kind of a three-cent stamp.

Sister ...'s wife Father had a wonderful collection of stamps. She said one of them was worth \$1,000 one thousand dollars, and he kept that one in the Bank vault. Her father died last year and she does not know what happened to his collection. You will receive the ... age within a few days. By the way, my friend says he will have more for me later on.

Now, dear Father for my sad news.

My sister at home had a terrible dream of my dear Mother, who is dead about 18 years, and has had hundreds of Masses offered for her, besides our prayers at Mass and Holy Communion. Out of her

own money she put a little boy nine years old through school and the seminary. Now he is a Benedictine. His oldest brother both Papa and Mama also put him through, and he is a Benedictine. How, will all their Masses for her, could my darling Mother still be in Purgatory? She certainly is saved; - she must be! Now, will you please ask Our Lord to let you know if she still needs prayers, or if she is safe in heaven with my dear Father S. Ignatius and dear S. Lessilla.

My dear Theresa, told Sr. Marcelle, who told me. I'll not let Sr. Fina know, unless you say she needs prayers, then Sr. Fina can have you say many masses for her sake - in heaven.

I won't feel at peace until I hear definitely from you, because you are so powerful with our Blessed Mother. Miss Mc Graw, through Sister Fina, sent me the Manuscripts one and two of "Fiat, Fiat, Fiat," and I am trying to be faithful to all our blessed Mother's prayers and ejaculations specified daily.

I'm saying "Fiat" to all my worrying, but not

that my darling Mother should be suffering.

Your prayers were heard for the conversion of
one of my relatives. Easter duty was made on Low
Sunday, so everything is all right now.

My throat is still fine, but my arthritis could
be better. However I'm not praying that it should
get better, because the more suffering now, the sooner
I'll be joining Sister Amanda and Sr. Leonilla
in heaven. Only hope and pray that I shall be as
lucky as they were - to go straight to heaven, and
see Our dear Lord's smile.

Mrs or Bishop Trier said over the Radio Sunday
night that our dear Lord showed us every thing in
this world but one thing He left for Heaven. He showed
us His kindness, patience, love, displeasure etc. etc.,
but He left His Smile for us in Heaven.

I'm really trying to do my little best, and follow
your directions. I would dearly love to see you, but
I must wait until some opportunity comes.

I hope, dear Rev. Father Alzogius that you keep
well, and that our Blessed Mother will obtain all your
requests.

I remember you in all my prayers each morning,
so please say a little prayer for me.

I am in the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sincerely yours, Sister Louis Marie. S.N.D.

Saint Patrick Academy
Monence, Illinois

J.M.J.

Nov. 23, 1952.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

Thank you very much for your letter. It was indeed a great consolation to me. I have been wanting to write to you since I received it but time and opportunity seem to be lacking. Thank you for your encouragement - I need it now very much. I have not been too well since the opening of school. God has been asking much and with my disagreeable temperament, I have not always responded generously. I am to go the Champaign - to Mercy Hospital - for tests and a check-up during our Thanksgiving vacation. Perhaps while there, I may have the opportunity of writing and explaining a little more. I do not know what the outcome will be - I have already offered it all to our dear Lord. I have been reduced, it seems, to something lower than the least common denominator - things have not gone too well between Mother Rose Mary and myself. You know how much I have always loved and worked with her - recently she seems to misunderstand me altogether. I know that God is probably permitting this. Frankly, Father, at times I have feared that I was losing my mind. My health and my strength seem to be gone altogether - I trust, however, that this is only temporary. I would like to write at length and tell you all but I cannot do so now. May I have a special memento in your kind prayers? I would appreciate your taking care of the enclosed stipends for my sister and me. My sister, Margaret, appreciated your lovely letter to her. She had a beautiful anniversary, a lovely family affair. God has been good to her although she has had her difficulties. You are remembered constantly in my prayers and daily sacrifices, Father. I can never be sufficiently grateful for all you have done for me. Begging your blessing and your prayers,

*Sister Mary Dolores
S.D.C.M.*

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Nov. 23-52

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria. C.M.J.

Dear Father.

Thank you for your kind letter of some time ago. I read it many times and several times in presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you also Father for the prayer leaflets. The prayers appeal to me and I say them daily, and when I say the prayer to our Lady for holiness I feel a sense of security knowing that she will help me to attain the thing which I most desire.

I had a copy of the Litany of Humility - and said it from time to time. My copy however did not contain the last seven invocations. They imply high sanctity, but I am saying them. I do realize Father how much I need humility for I am so prone to feel and show resentment when not consulted professionally so I pray that invocation with special emphasis.

I was surprised to learn this
was a prayer of Cardinal Mercier de Val.
He must have been a saintly soul.
No doubt his close association with
Blessed Pius X was - a great help.

It is a great consolation to
know that you pray for me, for
prayer can obtain all things necessary,
and I think you may know
what I need most.

God has again repeatedly
shown me my weakness. Please
pray I may have the strength to
cooperate better and be more generous
with Him.

I trust you will enjoy the
Advent season. I love the liturgy
of Advent, - and as I tell the novices,
it seems as though the Church can
scarcely repress her joy in the anticipation
of the coming of Christ.

Thanking you again Father and
please please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart,
Sister Marie Celeste

Notre Dame,
San Francisco 10, Calif.
Nov. 24, '52.

Rev. Father "visas."

Dear Rev. Father,

I have been strongly tempted to keep this truly wonderful and valuable collection, which only a rich old man (inclined towards catholism) could succeed in getting over a long period of time. You are the only one I would give it to, for the benefit of your boys.

The postman has them segregated and labeled beautifully. I have not gone over all of them, but I typed the names of most of them. There are dozens and dozens in many packages. I wanted to count them, but it would take me until Christmas.

Have you a student who knows the value of stamps? I trusted the set I gave you, to some stamp collector, and he took me out to print - the King of England Edward, as a boy 12 years of age - the rarest of the rare, so I am rather dubious. He told me he took it, but he said I had another just like it in the set. It did not look like it to me.

I'll try to find out the approximate value of these. Of course some are more valuable than others. He has the Israel stamps well fastened.

There are several thousand, if I understood correctly

If you get the right buyer who needs them to
fill out his sets, you will make between \$80 & \$90, ^{& more}
they say. I trust you received my other letter, dear
Father. My friend promised me some more stamps.

Thanking you for your prayers and past
kindnesses I am, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Sincerely yours,

Sister Louise Marie. S.N.D.

Reverend Father Aloysis Blaeuaria,
Immaculate Heart Novitiate.

Dear Reverend Father Blaeuaria,

May I convey to you my gratitude to have granted means interview. - Even if I expressed the wish to speak to you few minutes more. - I would not have exceeded the time of few minutes before five pm. If I understood correctly you

have asked me to pray the Little Shrine for a special intention. - Really I should be embarrassed to say that I would pray for you Father Blaeuaria - After all you are the one who is obtaining favors and I am very grateful.

However, I have been praying ardently the Little Shrine - for you - I say especially every evening the novena to the Holy Spirit the

the one you have.. with a picture of Her own - Beside many times during the day. - I have implored Her for you Father. Beside I asked Her to cover herself with all ^{its} merits, of all the saints. and of Our Blessed Mother, and to

present those merits with all the ones of Our Blessed Lord - which are infinite, to Our Father Eternal. - Also to offer Her His Holy Face.

To Thee - at your intentions. - With those infinite merits. - She gives that you are seeking will

be granted. - No doubt. - So kindly you have been praying for me. - That

I will get an interview with monsignor Bernece. -
I saw monsignor Saturday morning. I had
then, the opportunity to have my plans known
for the missions. - He was deeply interested --
of course, I did not expect him to do anything
special for me. - for the realization of this project.
I have expressed the desire if it was possible,
to present me - or to have a recommendation
to some one - that could be interested in the
project so I could secure some financial
help. - I had in mind the committee Wherry.
or Mr. Bing Crosby, who have help Sister
Kenny for poliomyelitis. and the Sports to
go to Helsinki. - It may not be possible
for me to interest any one - because it is so
difficult to meet the right party. they could
assist a little. - If they knew of it. I think
that very gladly would help me. - The question of
my de Ray - have to be settle before Christmas.
it has to come out of the house where it has
been for the last 3 years. - In the beginning of
the year also - I would have to pay tax on it
around \$3.00 and I do not have it. Even if
this equipment is essential to prove the
value of the adjustment. that I wish to
introduce in the missions. - I have to
consider to sell it. - beside I need money.
It would ^{have} require if some one willing
to help the missions would have bought it
from me. - If at least the Maryknoll-
fathers could benefit from this. - the same equipment.
I have the latest model - would have to be
paid \$9.00.00 more now. I could sell mine for
\$15.00.00 - just think fathers, they are now 24.00.00

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The very Reverend Monseignor told me, if he could
he would give me the money. - He said
that he was to think over the week end what
he can do. - Monseignor told me he would
send me a note, because I have no phone.
He has Monseignor, an outstanding perso-
nality. - and ^{is} very kind and considerate.

What a problem I have in hands - I know
that I cannot do nothing myself. - So if Our
Blessed hands make ^{me} to promise this
task, He will have ^{given} to me all the help - and
wisdom to know - what I shall do. - Even
if I had money for my X Ray and equipment
I have none - to carry on the project. - I wish
I could know what to do!! I am certain, it can
not be otherwise, Almighty God did not permit
for nothing, the suspension of this adjustment,
so easily applicable in the mississ.

The 14th of this month, is the 25th anniversary
of the proclamation of the little Therese as patron-
ess of the mississ. - As a sister I am impa-
tiently waiting. - to do something soon for the reali-
zation of this project. - I have worked at it
since 1946 - and one cannot never imagined
who much troubles - heartaches - I had !!
When I was in charge of the education of the
Women Trumflet. - it was there, like the
testible of h - e - f - l - and think father
^{that many} can go on - on life without too much strenuous
times. - Of course, I have to believe, that it is for
the best ^(and) your general

Before I forget. Father & Ilacuria: when I wrote to
Lisuris. I had to ask some prayers for you. Those
holy ones - have great power in Heaven - they would
obtain you Father, what you obtain for the others!!

Please look - it will come that may. Yours
favors. - I will soon write again. I will not forget
you Father & Ilacuria.

About the examination of the conscience... you
said Father, that we should do it, even if we
are not oblate. - So I did not need to worry
about it then. - really is a sort of a way I
did. - but without going through all the enum-
erations etc. etc. every night. - The devil has
certainly all kind of ways. To lead some one in
some kind of error. - I wanted to be truthfull to my
obligations - if I made a promise. - but I could ^{not} promise
to go through this procedure every day. - So I will
be received an oblate after I have been a poor novice
for 4 years. - I will say so though Father abbot Esenhe
will judge. if He can receive me. -

Continuing in the subject of conscience. - In my
return from the other day. I surely did do a big one!
Father Ilacuria --; and you will be surprise
of my conclusions concerning a certain "person"
after analyzing the character. the physical conditions
the behaviors... In spite of all the desire to
be charitable. and tried to believe by first
and to make the others think the same way.
I have proven to myself that I was unjust. -
Charity cannot be done against justice. I think.
So this "person". is always on the guard to pro-
tect herself. in the most minute details, to
the detriment of others. I have seen lots of it
during my two weeks there. and on nutting

at my place - and on other stay at my place - I do not
 think now - after deep observations that it is due
 to a physical condition - not a mental one - it seems
 to stand to reason - when it is really a mental
 condition, those patients do not even protect
 themselves - Father, has you have ask me to
 tell you - I am doing so with all the charity -
 I cannot conceal the truth - if I may say. It appear to
 me that she has no fundamental formation -
 Many times I had ask her - when she would say,
 (because the word I lies - Why do you say that?
 it is not so - She would answer in rationalism
 her doing - I do not know if it can be consider
 a distortion of the conscience? She does not
 wants to face facts - she evades anything un-
 pleasant pretending to the truth and justice
 concerning others - In my language, at least
 in my way of speaking and thinking, we
 call that lies and hypocrisy, duplicity!!
 and she is really a master at it! and father I
 had seen many people - I am very naive apparently
 to not have discover her play right away - It is
 so well covered up - so many times - and beside
 I could not believe my eyes that it was possible
 I wanted to be so in delusion - In many ways it
 is full to see her - but she attracts those
 requires reactions with this honey talk, with
 hardly no word of truth - She is also great
 for exploitation, she did so with me - although
 she knew that I have been very sick - she had
 imposed on me in every ways - I over look it by
 charity - but I think by being, or trying to
 be too good and charitable - one can become good
 for nothing. such ^{is} me. If this lady I think
 had her own ways most of her life - and

the people stood her non sense, in too many instances. - If I followed her commands - indis-
 criminate - and closed my eyes on everythings and further more if I had let myself exploded
 more than 2 weeks. - She would still make me all kinds of promises that she never intended to keep.
 I remained her of some. - It is no use - "She does not --- listen --- of what she says!" no wonder
 the people are deserting her. With all the good will that I had - I have given up. - I could not stand it! even if I had been in good health;
 most of my life was spent with children - or dealing with gentlemen - and they are not like that man. So the training was too great for me.
 It is too bad - because in doing this, she spoils all her good qualities. - She probably means good - but her aims are wrong - she lost in many instances. - if I may say. - the moral sense.
 One time, Father, she left on the window a manikin on the nude - and I say some chil-
 dren - who were stopping to look more closely - I said - I took it out of the window - and cover it. - and told her. That I thought, that it should not be left in the window - however - after all - it is like human being. and I told her of the children. - She answered me "Oh! those evil minds" - Those little ones could not be blamed but we have to be, I think, very particular not to induce undue curiosity. In a measure it is quite different. - In the Vatican they have the art gallery. - I may be wrong about nothing manikin nude on the window. For my own information. I like to know what you think father. - I know, I am not an example for nothing - but I try to observe those details, which for me are not. I may be too strict?

Would you ever imagine Father - I do not want to
 exasperate - but I do not recall that she have
 thank me for all what I done. I further like I
 said she had exploited me - and did not give me
 what I bought and paid for. - In doing my examination
 for justice. - I decide that it was unfair toward
 the dear Mrs Marguerite Flory - to let her ac-
 cused of having taken a hammer - so, the situation
 is going to be corrected by me - & will speak to
 T... and will tell her that it is unfair that
 Mrs M. Flory should be accused of having taken
 this hammer - and that she has to go to Mrs O.S.
 and tell her - that it was Henry who took it - most
 probably she would not want to do it. - I will tell
 T... that I will go myself and tell Mr. O.S.
 after all my way. Flory, is perfectly honest in every
 thing. - & he needs her reputation. and I will see
 to it that the accusation is removed.

Secondly - T... sold me three dishes - and she did not
 give them all to me - I will give her two other
 chances - to be equitable if she wants. - if
 not. I am going to tell her that I am going
 to expose her. - and that she will hear
 from my lawyer - further more she is
 going to pay: may for ^{the} meets - or give me
 the equivalent worth things, if she does not
 have the money. - I will get my money for the
 dishes. - Once, an for all - she will have
 the lesson of her life - and it is justice. I think
 that she got away with every thing & with me
 she will stop her own sense - she will come
 down to plain reality. - About the dishes
 she may say, that she does not have them. -
 then, she sold them to me by misrepresentation.
 I am telling all this Father, because you may
 hear that she scream blue murder

I will treat her first like a child who do not know how to behave properly. If she does not act - she will soon find out, that she met the wrong person - who will stand up indefinitely for ~~for~~ claim ~~cro~~ hardness. (This is my own spelling) The only two persons, I believe, that she would not like to know about this is you Fattie, and Mrs M. Flung. - She did not have the truthfulness to tell that it was her - who took that hammer. - I will say that I was with her. - I do not worry or care for what any body will say. - I stood up fast in front of the world - to defend the truth. Even at the time I lost, for this, all my money, reputation and health. - and I have done the same in many other occasions. I am not now going to blink at this situation of hypocrisy! It is about time, that she stop this sort of things.

I think it has existed since a long time. She should decide have many other lessons. - Nobody else, she thinks knows anything. - Except you Fattie or Mrs M. Flung. - It is nice, that there is some one. - Has I am going to say most of every things - so her mentality could may be change - though your influence Fattie. This person thinks that you know every things, that is going on (I would not be surprised) inside of our heads!! - She was telling me this all the times.! - In any event ^{and if you do} it will be in corroboration - of what you knew before. - I say that to laugh - but she does not want you to know her - in this way of wrong doing.

After this meeting. I think it will be proper for me not to assist any more at the Guild meeting Fattie. - I am afraid I will make her loose the benefit of those gatherings.

I forgot to mentioned and thank you ever so much Father Alsgaard for the good messages that you had given for us - to Mrs. St. Leger, on Thanksgiving. It was very gracious of you Father, to offer us yours greetings in such a way - a "shower of favors" or something of the sort.

I have received recently a beautifull example of the "reme" Marie & I had brought it to Mgr. Bermeis. - I will get another one - I will be very please to offer it to you Father. It is wonderful - you will like it. You have few routines on Ste. Thérèse d'Avila, Saint John of the Cross, St. Ignatius etc. -

Since my error have been blessed - by you Father and that I could have the advantage to do the Status of the Cross at home. - I make them every day. - I was very sorry for the last year I could not go to church for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, every day, like I use to do home. : in the same time I was making the Status of the Cross. -

With your thanks to yours favours, I succeeded to pay me the balance that she own me - it got me 1.00 - to collect it, - by telephone - teller etc. at least, I got it.

Father Alsgaard, if you like some day to read the book of Mgr. Fréelon & Steen. - "The World's first love" Our Blessed Mother. I will be please to passed it to you - Father.

I am certain that you will think that I told you all this because the other - I did not wish to speak about it.

If I wants to act properly - it would
be all right, I thank God. I do not
keep no ground ge. But I am not going
to change my attitude for firmness now. It
is for her good I believe. I do not think now
that she will never care to see me. - For all the
work - I have done during 2 weeks - she did not
pay me a penny. - I was buying my own food.
Prepare her - and not even a thank. She
really thinks she very superior - to everyone.
She had treated me like a slave... "I want
you to do this and that" she used to say to
me. - I told her that I did never spoke to my
staffs that may - many gentlemen of the Royal
military police took my orders. - If I spoke
that may ^{to them} they would have blown my
head off - they would have been right.

So you see, I often & always, earn not si-
-niorities. I cannot have that thing or so.
any more. So you have given me great
confidence. This is I could be a enterper
time. - I am as present state of
life - as it can be, - This decision
that I took. - it is after my examination of
conscience - who could have thought of
such change?

Excuse my lengthing letter, if you please.

Yours very humble,

Jacqueline Webb.

December 9th, 1952

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Cheyenne, Wyoming
December 23, 1952

J.M.J.

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

The Sisters of my household were made very happy by the reliquary crosses. I intended them for Christmas gifts but I decided I should not deprive them of the joy and privilege of wearing them from the time I returned home until Christmas. I am asking Saint Anthony Claret to take a very special interest in my family and asking him to obtain that degree of union God had in mind when He created their souls.

If I'm not to selfish, if you still have some of these first class relics, may I have four more? Please keep them until next time I'm at St. John's, which I think will be some time early in our new year.

Father, the certificates authenticity were not dated. Will you please give me the dates and I will write them in before I give them to the Sisters. I know how busy you are and you can wait for that too, until I return to California as I left the certificates at St. John's when I noticed they were not dated.

We are all endeavoring to give our Infant Jesus a very warm welcome His first

Christmas at De Paul.

We have a novena of Masses starting today and we are having Forty Hours Devotion starting December 27th-28th-29th. Your intention will be remembered and please continue your prayerful intercession for our community.

We are organizing our Medical Staff and we have great need of the Holy Spirit always but especially during this first year of organization.

May the Christ Child bless you and your Novices with His choicest graces during this holy season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in His
Sacred Heart,

Lita Ann Payne

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria,
1119 Westchester Place,
Los Angeles 19, California,

Dear Father Aloysius;

Will you kindly take care of
some masses for the repose of the soul of
Richard Tracy St. John, Jr. who was buried this week.
Either say five high masses or ten low masses,
whichever you think would be better.

I would like to have a mass
card sent to his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Tracy St. John, 12730 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles 49.
and please put our names, "Agnes and John Rauen" on
the card.

Thank you very kindly,
Father.

Sincerely -

Mrs. John B. Rauen

Agnes Rauen.



Christmas, 1952

"... for this day is born to you a Savior." Luke ii, 11.

Dear Father,

I just thought I drop
a little note in with the
card & save a little postage.
I know you don't mind.

Everyone is fine & in the
very best of health & happiness.
It's rather hard to believe that
Christmas time is here again.
I am going to miss decorating
your little chapel very much.

It used to be so much fun, - my pride
and joy. No doubt the novices will do a
beautiful job this year. They are all quite
gifted.

You may be sure you will have a special
remembrance at Midnight Mass & Communion.
I will be praying for all your needs &
intentions as well as those of the novices.
Please remember me in your Christmas
Mass, that I will always appreciate my
high calling, that I be always faithful
to my profession, & that I reach the degree
of sanctity Our Lord has meted out for me.
But most of all, pray that I grow more
and more every day in my love for Our Dear
Blessed Mother. Again, - may your Christmas be
holier & brighter than ever before. God love you
and sincere thanks for everything.

Faternally in O. M.
Ed O'Halloran, C.M.

J.M.J. December 29 '52

Dear Father Alphonse. May the Dear Infant Jesus love and bless you and keep you His Own forever.

Thank you so very much for all your prayers and sacrifice for me. I am more grateful than words can express. If it were not for your good prayers for me I would still be in a terrible state of worry. But Thank God thru your prayers I think I am ready better. May Our Lord always bless you.

We are enjoying a lovely vacation and appreciate it. Our Christmas was wonderful! We had Midnight High Mass and went to Ballycress for their 5:30 High Mass. We sang hymns at the 8:00 o'clock Mass, for Bishop Hunt and had two more Holy Masses here at 9:00 a.m. We rarely get an extra Mass here so it was a great treat to assist at so many.

Sister Philip wrote this poem and Sister Ignatia made the drawing. It is a nice card, isn't it?

The Reign of Christ

The Peace of Christ and

Wishes For You and Yours

Salt Lake City, Utah

The College of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

At This Christmasdide

I didn't send the card before because I wanted to write to you and we only send letters to our families before Christmas. I haven't written Sister Nell yet but please God, will do so today.

Nearly all went to Holy Cross Hospital for a Party. I'd rather keep the door - closed. You never seem to get anything done when there is vacation.

Please beg the Holy Ghost to make me decide as you told me to pray - and to unite my desires and good actions to those of Our Lord. I am too scatter-brain but please God I'll try to do better. Tuesday is your day. Thank you for all your prayers and kind interest. God bless you. Sister Mary of the Passion